

Application No.: 10/751,511
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REMARKS

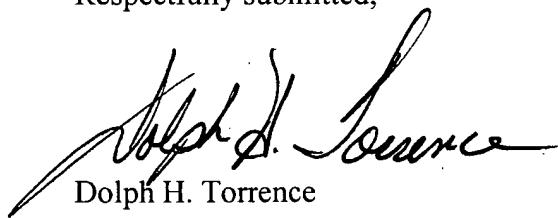
By the present amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 9-15. Claims 1-8 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

The Examiner objected to Claims 9-15 under 37 CFR 1.75 as being the substantial duplicate of Claims 1-7. Claims 9-15 were objected to for having a reference numeral not used in a parenthesis.

The indication by the Examiner in the recent Office Action that Claims 1-8 were allowable over the prior art of record is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has canceled claims 9-15 to obviate these objections and to place the application in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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